

Application No. 10/528,667
Amendment Dated October 11, 2006
Reply to Office Action of July 26, 2006

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed July 26, 2006 has been carefully considered by Applicant. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing claim amendments and the remarks that follow.

Allowable Claims

Claims 17-23 have been allowed.

Claim Rejections

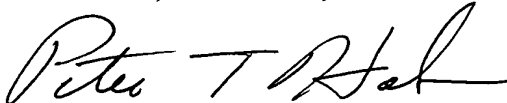
Claims 9-16 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bridges, U.S. Patent No. 5,944,111 in view of Freyer et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,069,488. Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's conclusions regarding the Bridges and Freyer et al references and asserts that the references do not teach the present invention and that there is no suggestion to combine the references to arrive at the claimed invention. However, to obtain issuance of the present application, applicant has cancelled claims 9-16. The rejection under §103 is therefore rendered moot.

Conclusion

The present Application is thus believed in condition for allowance with claims 17-23. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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